

Seed Sources for native Forbs and Legumes
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It is desirable for seed sources of native forbs and legumes used in plantings in Minnesota to originate from as close to the planting site as possible. MN-NRCS has used the guideline that native seed should not be moved more than a 200-mile radius. While these principles have worked well for native grasses, they may not apply well to native forbs.

Recommended forbs and legumes must be native to Minnesota. When local Minnesota seed sources are not available, native forb and legume seed shall originate from Wisconsin, northern Iowa, northern Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota and the Canadian provinces of southern Manitoba and Ontario. Forb and legume seed from other sources is not acceptable to be used in Minnesota plantings.

If the true origin of the seed can be certified as one of the accepted states or provinces, then there would be no restriction on where the seed is grown. Certification must be provided by the grower, and responsibility for obtaining